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Good morning,

Here's a link to an article related to the hearing (it was also picked up by the Billing Gazette and several others):

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/66ed3d91d1e34f3fb9058ce5934d62e5/WY--Regional-Haze-Plan>

We heard more of the same yesterday. The WY DEQ, Governor Mead, Congressionals (CoS for Rep Lummis read a letter from the WY delegation), and power plants and coops restated concerns that they have expressed before including:

- EPA's FIP imposes excessive cost for no perceptible visibility benefit
- Regional haze rule is intended to protect visibility and is not based on health or climate change concerns
- Rate increases will hurt the economy and consumers
- Power plants may have layoffs or plant closures
- EPA is overstepping its authority and has a hidden agenda to kill the coal industry
- EPA's plan was developed with undue influence from enviros, behind closed doors
- EPA is ignoring wildfires as the real cause of haze in WY

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